


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p><b>STAYING CONNECTED</b></p> <p><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b>  To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b>  Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p><b>THE FSSP</b></p> <p>St. Stephen the First Martyr is a personal parish of the Diocese of Sacramento. It is served by priests of the <b>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter</b>.</p> 	<p><b>DONATIONS</b></p> <p><b>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</b>  Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p><b>ONLINE GIVING</b>  Available at the parish website.  www.sacfssp.com</p>
<p>Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, unless you are giving online. Please pick them up in the Parish Office.</p>		

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>31 Dec</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, I</b>
	7 am	Fr McWhirter
	8:30 am	Nguyen family
	10 am	Pope Francis
	11:30 am	Fr Curtis
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Felipe Lariz
<b>1 Jan</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Octave of Christmas, II</b>
	7 am	Pope Francis
	12 pm	+ Andy Antreich
	6 pm	Cao family
<b>2 Jan</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>The Holy Name of Jesus, II</b>
	7 am	Tish family
	12 pm	Sandy Dell
	6 pm	Fr Schwab
<b>3 Jan</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feria of Christmastide, IV</b>
	-	
	12 pm	+ Stephanie Sullivan
	-	
<b>4 Jan</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Elisabeth Ann Seton, III</b>
	-	
	12 pm	Shamus Terzo
	6 pm	St Monica Sodality
<b>5 Jan</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Fifth Day in the Octave, II</b>
	-	
	12 pm	+ Brenda Gercone
	-	
<b>6 Jan</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord, II</b>
	7 am	Fr Cassion DiRocco
	8:30 am	All orphans
	12 pm	+ Adriann Geluz

**PRAYER LIST**

Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, Vanessa Jimenez, Ralph Clark, Michelle DiGiovani, Mark Mitchell, Phil Carey, Judy Bennett, Jasinkas, Debbie Vilar, Dominick Damore, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Don Varley, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Barbara Graichen, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Jordan Aranas, JoAnn Mutterties

*Please keep all of the sick and homebound of the parish in your daily prayers, as well as our adult catechumens and candidates.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

Fr. James Buckley, Rudy Nagel, Paul Graff, Pietro Lopresti, John Hymes, Teodosio Dino, Barbara Chu, Nellie Reyes, Albert Treskon, Violet Corr, Mary Hayes, Derald Goyette, Bonnie Williams, Frank Bowa, Ramon Daley, Eileen Morrison, Richard & Louise Szabo, Cesar Oliva, Joseph Damore, Ken Taylor, Joseph Menezes, Edgardo Mercado, Barbara Jeong, Jean Haun, Rene Iway, Richard Seifert, Fiona Silverio, John Dunlap, Jeff Long, David Tostenson, Eleanor Roberts, Robert Rose, Sharon Graves, Eda Granby, Gloria Garcia, Raymond Villalpando

**PARISH GROUPS**

<b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....	<b>Keven Smith</b> <i>Youth &amp; Adults, Sunday &amp; Thursday</i> .... ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
<b>Altar Guild &amp; Altar Guild Minor</b> .....	<b>Mike Solton</b> <i>Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday</i> ..... 916-832-2859
<b>Troops of Saint George (Scouting)</b> .....	<b>James Campbell</b> <i>Boys 6 – 18</i> ..... Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org
<b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> .....	<b>Amy Rutschow</b> <i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-340-5782
<b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....	<b>Sue McGrath</b> <i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-531-3946
<b>Little Flowers</b> .....	<b>Megan Gury</b> <i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-207-0498
<b>Youth Group</b> .....	<b>Liz Hernandez</b> <i>Ages 14 – 18, Second &amp; Fourth Friday</i> ..... 916-396-4062
<b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....	<b>Inocencio Rangel</b> <i>Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</i> ..... 916-804-6359
<b>CCM Co-op</b> .....	<b>Blanca Pimentel</b> <i>Ages 3 – 14, Thursday</i> ..... blancaerodria@yahoo.com
<b>Veritas (Young Adult Group)</b> .....	<b>AJ Alvarado</b> <i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Tuesday</i> ..... veritasnorcal@gmail.com
<b>Adult Catechism</b> .....	<b>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP</b> <i>Adults, Second &amp; Fourth Thursday</i> ..... frcurtis@fssp.com
<b>Chesterton Society</b> .....	<b>Spencer Roundtree</b> <i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i> ..... sac.chesterton@gmail.com
<b>Knights of Columbus #16419</b> .....	<b>William Giovannetti</b> <i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i> ..... 916-531-4730
<b>Ushers</b> .....	<b>Roger Soto</b> <i>Adult men, Sundays &amp; Holy Days</i> ..... 209-610-1163
<b>Security</b> .....	<b>Patrick Clemons</b> <i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-717-0244
<b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....	<b>Tomoko McDonough</b> <i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> ..... mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
<b>Church Flowers</b> .....	<b>Greta Munsill</b> <i>Friday or Saturday</i> ..... 916-425-7112
<b>Church Cleaning</b> .....	<b>Eli Gonzalez</b> <i>Wednesday</i> ..... 916-395-7408
<b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....	<b>Kelly Manstch</b> <i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114
<b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....	<b>Maureen Olguin</b> <i>Sunday</i> ..... jmolguin5960@att.net
<b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....	<b>Catarina Hinojos</b> <i>On call</i> ..... 415-286-6228
<b>Senior’s Lunch (55+)</b> .....	<b>Ann Zacharias</b> <i>Third Thursday</i> ..... 916-838-7404

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Rev. Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP;  
Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM**

*Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS & THANK YOU

On behalf of the priests and staff of St. Stephen the First Martyr, I wish a blessed Christmastide to our parishioners. The priests would like to express their warm gratitude for the Christmas cards and gifts received from parishioners. I would also like to thank the many volunteers – members of the altar guild, of the choir, decorators, and others – who made helped make Christmas beautiful for all the parish this year.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

- Mon, Jan 1: Normal schedule; not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Tues, Jan 2: Masses at 7am, noon & 6 pm.
Wed, Jan 3: Mass at noon.
Thurs, Jan 4: Masses at noon & 6 pm.
Fri, Jan 5: Mass at noon. Water blessing follows Mass.

EPIPHANY WATER BLESSING

The Epiphany water blessing will be held on Fri, Jan 5, after the noon Mass, in the Church. Some notes, please read carefully:

- Water containers must be at least one gallon in size.
Containers must be clearly labelled.
Limit of two containers.

This blessed water should foster a real devotion to the mysteries of Epiphany, namely: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Our Lord, and the first miracle of Our Lord – the changing of water into wine. Use it with devotion throughout the year to petition Our Lord's presence and protection be made manifest. And do please make every effort to attend Mass on Epiphany!

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the thirty-first day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

EPIPHANY CHALK

Blessed chalk will be available in the vestibule from the Feast of Epiphany (this Saturday). Upon returning home, the lintel of the main door of the house is marked with the blessed chalk by the head of the household in the following manner.

Inscribe 20+C+M+B+24 while saying the following prayer:

The Three Wise Men ...

- C Caspar,
M Melchior,
B & Balthasaar,
followed the star of God's Son who became Man,
20 Two-thousand,
24 and twenty-four years ago.
+ May Christ,
+ bless our home,
+ and remain with us,
+ through the new year.

Almighty God, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send Thy holy angel who will defend us, and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Includes dates from Jan 2-5 to Jul 14-18 with corresponding events like FSSP NAP Convocation, Christmas Party, FHC Registrations Due, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Still available: FHC Registrations (due Sun, Jan 7), candle orders (due Wed, Jan 3), and offertory envelopes.

Confirmation catechism will resume next Sun, Jan 7. First Holy Communion catechism will begin on Sun, Jan 14.

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week.

Note that the various groups for the young ladies will meet next week on Sat, Jan 13.

Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 5:00pm! Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. This is the last Sunday to buy tickets. More details:



Please join OLSW Co-op for a nachos fundraiser on Sun, Jan 7, between 12 pm and 4 pm. \$2 beverages; \$3 nachos & cheese; \$4 nachos, cheese, and meat. Thank you!



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